



## Norman R. Cournoyer

May 16, 1925 - November 7, 2017

Norman R. "Hooks" Cournoyer, 92, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at Loomis House in Holyoke. Born in 1925, he was a lifelong Chicopee resident who recently said "There's no better place than Chicopee". He was known as "Hooks" after a buzzer beating shot at Boston Garden while playing for AIC fell short. His lifelong passion was playing and watching sports, including a stint in minor league baseball. After being a star pitcher for Chicopee High and American International College, he played for a variety of semi-pro baseball teams, but mostly with the Chicopee Falls Tigers and (according to him) "the legendary Wes Carr." He spent one summer trying unsuccessfully to break into pro ball, and was befriended by Leo "Muscles" Sholes, known as the Babe Ruth of the minor leagues, with whom he shared many good times. He was also a regular golfer at the Oxford and Ludlow Country Clubs and ran the "Hooks Tournament" at both clubs for more than 50 years combined. After serving as a corporal in the Marines during World War II, he taught one year at Hitchcock Academy in Deerfield, then worked in sales for many years with Arnold Bakers and later as a postal carrier. His wife, the former Theresa Crane, well-known for her cheerful disposition and many community endeavors, died in 2004. Norman is survived by two daughters, Kim of Gaithersburg, MD and Jill of Portland, ME; two sons, Richard and his wife Kathleen, of Feeding Hills and Bruce and his partner Sue, of New York City; and two grandchildren, Kevin and his wife Cielo of Baltimore, MD and Caroline and her partner Tyler of Washington, D.C. There are no calling hours.

Family and friends are invited to the Burial with Military Honors on Friday, December 1, 2017 at 1PM in the Chapel of the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Agawam. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 264 Cottage St., Springfield, MA 01104.

# Cemetery Details

## Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery

1390 Main St.  
Agawam, MA 01001

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *I'm glad I got to know you "Hooks". You were one of a kind. Rest In Peace my friend. PK* ”

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